

## 2 arrested in Ottawa in connection with Delphos burglary

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Logan Weis, 21, and Brittany Bermudez, 21, are being held in the Putnam County Jail on receiving stolen property charges in connection with stolen/forged checks that had been taken in a recent Delphos burglary.

A Delphos police investigation into a home burglary in the 1200 block of Park Avenue in Delphos reported on Feb. 14 led investigators into Putnam County late Monday morning. Pandora Police Department Chief Scott Stant discovered checks belonging to the victim had surfaced at a local market in Pandora over the past weekend. His investigation revealed the identities of the suspects as Weis and Bermudez.

Delphos Police, working in conjunction with Pandora and Ottawa police and the Putnam County Sheriff's Department, led investigators to execute a search warrant at the home of both suspects at 1271 N. Defiance St. in Ottawa at 3:30 p.m. on Monday afternoon. Neither suspect was home at the time of the warrant.

During the course of this investigation, investigators had been contacted by Allen County Sheriff's Department detectives who indicated Weis was being treated for a nonlife-threatening gun shot wound at a local hospital. Weis and Bermudez had reported to police an unknown assailant attempted to abduct Bermudez from her parked vehicle in the Allen County area. Weis told police that when he intervened to stop the abduction he was shot by the unknown assailant.

Allen County detectives determined the reported abduction was a hoax and the minor wound had been self-inflicted. They believe the hoax was an attempt to prevent or delay Weis from going to jail on a probation violation scheduled Monday afternoon in the Putnam County Municipal Court. Weis was later treated and released from the hospital.

Both Weis and Bermudez were detained at the Allen County Justice Center and later transferred back to the Putnam County Jail on active felony warrants issued earlier in the day related to the recovered stolen checks in Pandora.

Delphos Police have located and recovered the vast majority of the stolen property taken in the burglary but the investigation continues as of report time.